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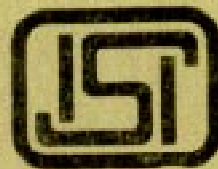
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0. FOREWORD

0.1 This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 23 December 1969, after the draft finalized by the Sports Goods Sectional Committee had been approved by the Consumer Products Division Council.

0.2 This standard is one of a series of Indian Standards on sports goods, prepared on the recommendations of the Sports Goods Export Promotion Council, New Delhi. Other standards published so far in the series are given at page 8.

0.3 In preparing this standard, rules and regulations of the game accepted internationally have been adhered to while giving due consideration to the manufacturing and testing practices prevalent in the country and abroad. Any change occurring in these rules and regulations, will immediately be taken care of by this Sectional Committee in consultation with the national controlling body of the game in the country.

0.4 This standard contains clauses which call for agreement between the purchaser and the supplier and which permit the purchaser to use his option for selection to suit his requirements. The relevant clauses are **2.1.1, 2.1.3, 2.4** and **5.1**.

0.5 For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS:2-1960*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

1. SCOPE

1.1 This standard covers the requirements of rugby balls. It does not cover bladders used for these balls.

*Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*).

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Material

2.1.1 Leather—The balls shall be made from butt or bend portion of tight textured cowhide leather free from flay cuts and grain defects, vegetable tanned or semi-chrome tanned; dyed or pigmented as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier. But at the end of tanning operation and before drying, suitable fungicides shall be incorporated into the leather for promoting resistance to mould growth in the leather and these shall be effective and non-toxic. The tanned leather shall be substantially fat-liquored and grain finished smooth.

NOTE — Reference is invited to specification IS : 3985-1966* which deals with leather for rugby ball. It is recommended that this should be used increasingly so that change-over may be effected in due course of time.

2.1.2 Thread for Stitching—Rot-proofed, 5 or 6 ply linen thread shall be used for stitching. This shall have a minimum breaking strength of 28 kgf when tested on 60 cm gauge length.

2.1.3 Lace—The balls designed to have laces shall be supplied with suitable length of cotton or leather laces, as required by the purchaser and these shall comply with the requirements given below.

2.1.3.1 Cotton lace shall be of suitable braids and it shall have a minimum breaking strength of 68 kgf on a 18 cm gauge length.

2.1.3.2 Leather lace shall be made from suitable leather and shall have a minimum breaking strength of 19 kgf on a 18 cm gauge length.

2.2 Size and Shape—When inflated to the desired air pressure, it shall have shape and dimensions as shown in Fig. 1 and 2.

2.3 Weight—The weight of ball, complete with bladder and in inflated condition, shall be 383 to 425 g.

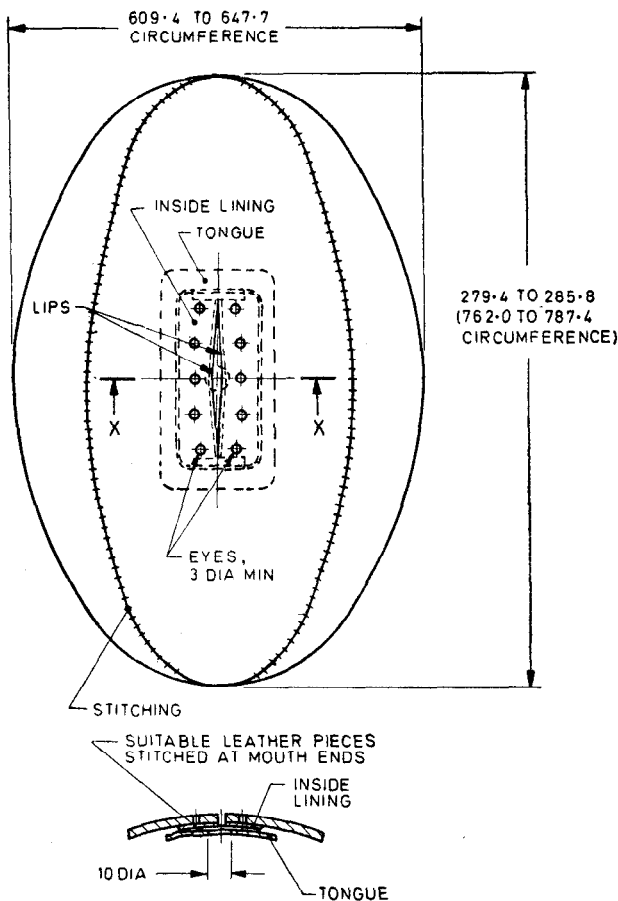
2.4 Colour—The colour of the balls shall be as required by the purchaser.

3. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKMANSHIP

3.1 The balls shall be made from four panels (or more) of material capable of giving overall shape as shown in Fig. 1.

3.2 Stitching—The balls shall be well-stitched with 22 to 25 stitches per decimetre, the stitches being well stretched. When the ball is inflated to the desired air pressure, the threads that are visible shall be not more than 2 mm deep from the surface of the ball.

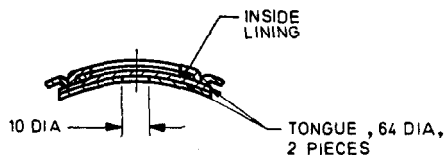
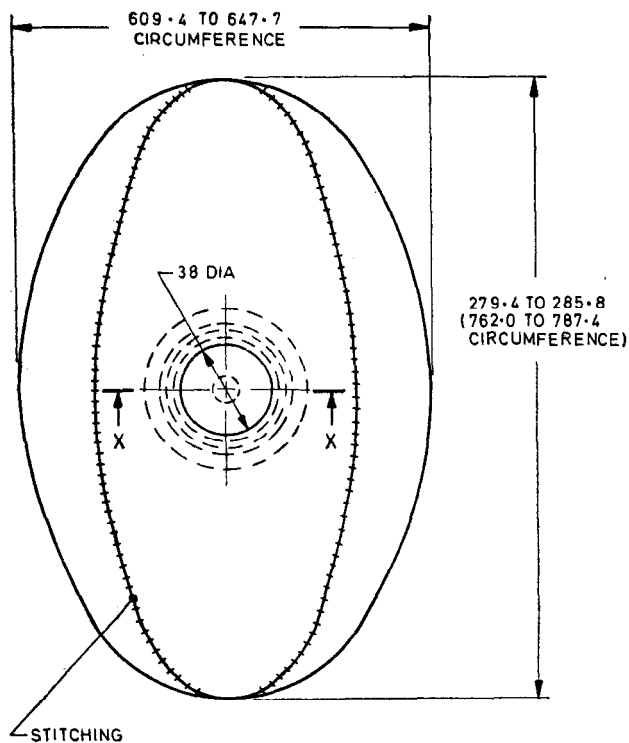
*Specification for leather for rugby ball.



NOTE—This figure is intended to show constructional details of mouth only and shall not be taken to represent other features of the ball.

All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 RUGBY BALL WITH LACES



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NOTE — This figure is intended to show constructional details of mouth only and shall not be taken to represent other features of the ball.

All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 2 RUGBY BALL, ROUND MOUTH

3.3 Mouth—Construction of the mouth of the balls with laces shall generally be in accordance with details shown in Fig. 1. The construction of round shaped mouth balls shall generally be in accordance with details shown in Fig. 2. When balls are made without laces and supplied with bladders fitted, the mouth shall be adequate to permit the nozzle or needle of the inflating pump to be accommodated and suitable means provided to deflate the ball. The neck of the bladder shall be completely inside the mouth. The size of the mouth shall be 65 to 80 mm in case of balls with laces. The lips shall be reinforced with leather lining inside. The mouth shall be welted and further reinforced by stitching leather pieces to avoid tearing on the sides.

3.4 Eyes for Lace—The eyes for lace shall have the size (3 mm dia) in case of balls with laces as shown in the fig. 1.

3.5 Tongue—The balls with laces shall have tongue (size 100×50 mm) stitched to one side of the mouth covering eyelets. Further, the tongue shall have bevelled edges. To allow the neck of the bladder to go through, a hole of size 10 mm shall be provided in tongue.

4. MARKING

4.1 Each ball shall be marked with manufacturer's name, registered trademark and the words 'made in India' indelibly and legibly.

4.1.1 The balls may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

NOTE—The use of the ISI Certification Mark is governed by the provisions of the Indian Standards Institution (Certification Marks) Act, and the Rules and Regulations made thereunder. Presence of this mark on products covered by an Indian Standard conveys the assurance that they have been produced to comply with the requirements of that standard, under a well-defined system of inspection, testing and quality control during production. This system, which is devised and supervised by ISI and operated by the producer, has the further safeguard that the products as actually marketed are continuously checked by ISI for conformity to the standard. Details of conditions, under which a licence for the use of the ISI Certification Mark may be granted to manufacturers or processors, may be obtained from the Indian Standards Institution.

5. PACKING

5.1 The balls shall be packed as agreed to between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

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